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Letter from Anne Whitney, Shelburne, New Hampshire, to Maria Weston Chapman, 1882 August 13

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Peas & Roan Corn - 10 - 15
years ago when we came
to these parts. We took fare-
well (without much regret
I know - seeing what we had
in lieu of them) of all these
things - I did ^{not} meat - potatoes
& late Squash & tomatoes with
the excellent ^{wild} fruit
raspberries & blackberries -
were enough - & food for God.
Now our bill of fare includes
these & much more. One always
thought the ^{country} north Country
was not favorable to garden-
sauce - it turns out that
the countryman was somewhat
hazy & cared to spend himself
only on the necessary tools of
yachting.

We have an ^{apple} orchard & other
scattered ^{fruit} trees - not all bearing
this year. Except in favorable
locations the apple has a struggle

Shelburne 11th. Aug. 13 - '84
My dear friend - The
ymeth who goes over the river
sometimes by ferry - sometimes
by ^{row} boat - & anon by going some
miles by Lead Mine Bridge
& farmers place - brings in
the letters ^{very} about - sunset. The
may be in the lawn - or at the
or up in the knoll. The letters
divide the honors & attentions with
the mountains & the sky - each
helps the other. Yours of the
11th came last night - Now
I have hope that when all the
out- & indoors affairs settled - the
brook cleared - Paddy in training
you will consider more seriously
the route marked out - by me
for you to take to this rock
in the hills. Here everlasting
Peace abides - & ever blooming flowers.
I am pleased with my venture - it
makes me poorer & infinitely

richer. It is not that I
could possess it. If the King
had my likings - or better
taste than I. & I had the
use of his grounds for privacy
for delictation & vista.

He might keep them for all
I should desire to the contrary -

But the restraint of such
use. As the trees slashed
along the water courses. &

sculpture plucked by the beard
generally (asking his pardon
for so mixed a metaphor)

qualifies it seems to me this
little fantasy. A reach

of green meadow this side
the swelling flood - a pland

to match. & woodland where

porcupine & bear range an-

tholistic - mine own. if

you will pardon me,

I have been taking her after.

breakfast walk in amiable
parts of this domain. Around
the intervals along the river &
the creeks - noting the superb
oaks & the elms which
in speaking I am not yet
bold enough - for it ^{seems} ~~is~~ a
species of hardness - to say
these belong to me. They seem
more like brothers of the
Prime. & when I was as they
was I so? that is - did I
fulfil my part with equal
grace? Then I noted

with pleasure the good
handwork of my Coadjutor
& factotum. How he had
made a large blooming garden
of some acres that appeared
of potatoes - turnips. Another
squashes & corn. Another
garden not far from the
house gives us the best beans

A letter from Mr. Garrison 2
days ago. - He says Frank hears
up with courage - but ~~rep~~ repents
that his return to the empty-dance
will be the most trying time for him.
He ought not to return there - he
is not strong enough - Physically -
I mean. It is a pity - his sister
cannot return home. His mother
wishes that their married life was
a very happy one - & all the family
feel - he is a worthy successor
of their mother.

After a spell of
unparalleled hot weather for an.
hour & power - it promises
coolness of and cold. but the
strong wind of this morning has
so chilled. the mountains send
out their warmth - as during
the heat they smother their cold
& so we have a level content -

A. I. Dean over a week that
you are well & will be a great
satisfaction - I do not like to leave
you in Boston ^{as much}. Keep that for
happiness & may the gods be with you
& keep you please then - & my friends. A.W.

Hold it to our among the hills -
& are spent - not; Old-Button
& Sugar (neph) we can supply
you with. The butter is admirable

I think I have discussed
you with the Chief features of
this country. No-ways are
ways of pleasantness. But I
dispose the details of even a
Himalayan life suffer - here
a dweller by the sea.

Adeline tells me to give
her love & thanks for your kind
messages. She hopes who able
to see you some day in Castle
Sargons. Her father & mother
should not, Her father & mother
go on Tuesday. They have boarded
a few days from here - at the
nearest home - for at present we
have but one room. The Carpenters
come tomorrow & in a week or two
we shall have another. So that
when you come, not much later
than the 1st of Sept. Your place
is assured.